

**REMARKS**

In view of the above amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action of September 7, 2004 are earnestly solicited.

Claim 10 has been canceled, leaving Claims 1—9 and 11 pending in the application. Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of its base claim.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of Claim 10 has been mooted by its cancellation. Previously objected to Claim 11 is now in independent form and is therefore allowable.

The allowance of Claims 1—9 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1—9 and 11 are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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